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Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

University of South Carolina students recreate the Iwo Jima flag-raising during the halftime celebration of the Gamecocks' Military Appreciation Day on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium. **SEE PAGES 12, 13.**



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Community Calendar

TODAY

Story time at the library

11:30 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

Postwide Thanksgiving service

1 p.m., Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave. Open to the Fort Jackson community, and the day's graduates and Families. Dessert will follow service.

WEDNESDAY

Maternity briefing

9-10 a.m., Room 8-85, Moncrief Community Army Hospital. For pregnant Soldiers, their Families. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Bright Honeybee play Group

10-11:30 a.m., Classroom 8, 5614 Hood St. Designed to help parents learn developmentally appropriate play. Open to active-duty, retired personnel; Family. For information, call 751-6325/9035/6724/2731.

Family bingo

4-7 p.m., Victory Bingo. Family-friendly prizes and pizza. The event and pizza will be provided free to military Families.

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day buffet

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers' Club. \$17.95, members; \$21.95, nonmembers. Reservations required. Call 803-782-8761.

MONDAY

Specialized Training of Military

Parents workshop

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., NCO Club. Information on special-education law, health-care options, networking and more for parents of children with special needs.

DEC. 1

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Healthy Relationships

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Discussion-based class designed to foster emotionally healthy relationships. Open to Soldiers, retirees, DOD civilians and Families. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

Story time at the library

11:30 a.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

Merry Fitness

4:30-7 p.m., Solomon Center. Free event including refreshments, mini-massages, prizes and a workout. For more information, call Pam Long at 751-3700.

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Time-Warner job fair

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Interviews for customer-service positions. Open to military personnel and spouses, surviving spouses, veterans, DOD civilians. For information, call 751-5452.

Christmas tree, menorah lighting

5 p.m., post headquarters.

DEC. 3

Newcomer orientation

9 a.m., NCO Club. Mandatory for Soldiers assigned to Fort Jackson for the first time. Spouses welcome. Child care available to those who call 751-4865 in advance.

Stress Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Workshop designed to help participants manage the effects of stress. Call 751-6325 for information or to register.

Evening story time

6:30 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library.

DEC. 4

MOAA 50th anniversary

6-9:30 p.m., Officers Club. The Columbia Military Officers Association of America will celebrate with food, fellowship and storytelling. For information call Jean Remley at 803-794-7761 and leave a message.

DEC. 6

Handbell choir

9:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel. The chapel's handbell choir will provide special music during worship. All are

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible.

With any photo you submit, include IDs — including rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

invited to attend.

DEC. 7

Child-safety awareness

initial training

5-7 p.m., Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Two-hour training workshop on how to recognize, respond to child abuse. Open to active-duty and retired Soldiers, DOD civilians and some Family members. Call 751-6325 to register.

DEC. 8

Steps to Federal Employment

for Military Spouses

9-11:30 a.m., Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Targeted to military spouses but open to all military and DOD cardholders. For information, call 751-5256 or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

DEC. 9

Job-Searching Strategies

for Military Spouses

8:30 a.m. to noon, Room 222, Strom Thurmond Building. Covers resume-writing, interviewing skills. Open to military, DOD cardholders. For information, call 751-5256 or email Barbara.L.Martin.civ@mail.mil.

DEC. 11

Hearts Apart and foreign-born spouses holiday celebration

6-8 p.m., North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road. Please provide a dish to share and wear festive clothing.

EFMP bowling outing

4:30-6 p.m., Century Lanes. For members of Exceptional Family Member Program. RSVP, 751-5256.

DEC. 17

Anger Management

11 a.m. to noon, Classroom 10, 5614 Hood St. Class focuses on identifying, managing anger triggers. Call 751-



Photo by CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT

Staff Sgt. Robert and Christina Holder give thanks with fellow nominees after presentation of the Family of the Year award by Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier on Friday. The Holders – along with daughters Samantha, Whitney and Emily – were cited for their love of volunteerism.

Holders named post Family of Year

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**
Fort Jackson Leader

One child gave back the Family's citation. Another attempted to wrestle her way out of going onstage. And two more hid their faces – one behind his daddy's knee and the other, with her sweater pulled over her head.

The children may not have been all that impressed with the honor of being nominated to become Fort Jackson's 2015 Family of the Year, but 14 sets of parents eagerly awaited the announcement at the Solomon Center on Friday afternoon.

And when it came, "supermom" Christina Holder marched steadily to the stage – she had worried she would trip from nervousness – along with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Robert and their three girls: Emily, 13; Whitney, 11; and Samantha, 8.

"My stomach's in knots," Christina Holder had said beforehand. It's the "anticipation of (not) knowing and thinking, 'If you're good enough ...'"

If being named didn't erase those doubts, the myriad hugs the Family received at the announcement by emcee Marilynn Bailey of Army Community Service definitely should have. They came from all directions – past winners, commanders, friends.

Eventually, there were a congratulatory handshake

“Work is important, but Family is their top priority.”

— **Col. Traci Crawford**
Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander

and photo with post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier and a celebratory dinner.

Through all the post-announcement celebration, 11-year-old Whitney swayed and danced with the big silver trophy citing the Family's accomplishment.

Col. Traci Crawford, commander of Moncrief Army Community Hospital, nominated the Holders, citing the Family's love for volunteerism and their devotion to one another – which began when Robert and Christina Holder became high school friends. When Holder went back to his hometown after Army training 14 years ago, he asked Christina to marry him.

"The two still do just about everything together," Crawford said on the nomination form. "Work is important, but Family is their top priority ... They also have become friends with their neighbors, helping each other out in times of need."

Crawford quoted Christina Holder as saying that

"you have to do things together as a Family ... If you can be respectful of others and get your job done together ... you can do anything ..."

Sgt. 1st Class Holder is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the radiology department at MACH. He has worked with Habitat for Humanity and veterans organizations.

Christina Holder is a stay-at-home mom who spends much of her time volunteering with the C.C. Pinckney Parent-Teacher Organization and the Girl Scouts.

All of the Family perform volunteer work.

"We all volunteer because we like to volunteer," Christina Holder said.

Other nominees also were praised for their volunteer efforts in the community, their service to unit and their dedication to Fort Jackson.

"When you grow up doing things for people ... it shows how much your parents taught you," said Abigail Voorhees, 8, and the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class and Maureen Voorhees of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Moritz of the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Brigade put it a different way.

"You've got to change the world a little bit," he said. "With everything so crazy now, it's important to be a light in the craziness."

Addressing special needs

By **CHRISTINE SCHWEICKERT**
Fort Jackson Leader

Parents of special-needs children at Fort Jackson may attend a two-day workshop next week to learn about federal regulations governing their children's educations, as well as community and health-care services to strengthen their families.

STOMP – Specialized Training of Military Families – is a 30-year-old organization designed specifically to help military families, who move from state to state and from one educational system to another.

"We have a special understanding of the challenges families face ... when they have to PCS from place to place or face deployments," said STOMP director Heather Hebbon.

The program has not been at Fort Jackson for several years and comes now because IMCOM has dictated that it be offered at all U.S. installations.

Kay Harvey will attend the session Monday and Tuesday. A professional counselor whose husband works for ARCENT at Shaw Air Force Base, she learned about the personal challenges of a special-needs child when her own son developed behavior difficulties at school.

"Becoming a parent did provide a different vantage point," Harvey said Friday. "It did propel me to the front" to make sure her own son was well cared for in school.

Before that, she said, "I knew the information to help other people." Looking out for her own son made knowing the rules and processes just that much more important.

"There's a culture behind every disease, disorder or illness," she said. From autism to asthma, from physical to mental health or impairment, every one affects each individual differently.

Federal law mandates that schools offer such children Individual Educational Programs, but each school district may have different procedures to handle them. And communities may have differing ways to provide needed services.

Not only do parents have to relearn the rules every time they move, "it can prove difficult ... networking (or) coalition building" with other parents if the set of parents is a new one every few years.

"I don't have time to be shy" about asking for help, said Harvey, who boasts a wide network she built herself. "That's a peace of mind you just cannot pay for."

Federal law mandates that special-needs students be able to attend regular school classes as much as possible, and that they receive special support academically and otherwise. Fort Jackson's two elementary schools teach several children with special needs.

The Exceptional Family Member Program offers respite care, as well as such things as bowling outings for families whose members have special needs. And at least one teen well past the usual age for post after-school programs still attends them – federal law allows for such care until age 21.

The STOMP workshop will cover such topics as special-education law, IEPs, health-care options, communication and advocacy networking, will and guardianship plan-



Specialized Training of Military Parents will be offered 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at the Fort Jackson NCO Club. Parents, professionals and teachers are welcome to learn about programs and services for children with special needs. Admission is free. Lunch will not be provided. For information or to register, call Cheryl Jackson Leysath at 751-5256, email Cheryl.F.Laysath.civ@mail.mil or call a school liaison officer at 751-6150.

ning, and organizing the myriad files families must keep.

Those who cannot attend both days may drop in during the time they have free, said Cheryl Leysath of Army Community Service.

The Department of the Army demands that installations provide programs for special-needs families, Leysath said. That includes ongoing treatment and services.

What STOMP does is train "parents to be more assertive and to be an advocate for their child," she said.

When IMCOM "told us (STOMP was) coming here, we said, 'Yes!'"

"This is a training that you don't get all the time."

2 post NCOs found guilty of sex charges

Courts-martial on Fort Jackson have found two non-commissioned officers guilty of sexual misconduct involving children.

On Aug. 28, a General Court-Martial found Staff Sgt. Christian L. Liriano, a former supply sergeant at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, guilty of raping one minor female, producing child pornography and sexually abusing another minor female.

Government counsel presented evidence that Liriano had committed the sexual abuse for at least six years.

Liriano was sentenced to a reduction in rank to E-1. He also must forfeit all pay and allowances, be confined for 50 years and be dishonorably discharged.

He will be confined at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the military's only maximum-security correctional facility.

Liriano also must register as a sex offender.

On Nov. 5, a General Court-Martial found Sgt. Michael Q. Dunn, a former military police officer with the 17th Military Police Company, guilty

of producing and possessing child pornography.

Dunn's misconduct took place while he was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, and continued when he was assigned to Fort Jackson.

He was sentenced to a reduction in rank to E-1, confinement of three years and a bad conduct discharge.

Dunn will be confined at the NAVCOM Brig-Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

Courts-martial such as those of Liriano and Dunn generally are open to the public. Therefore, commanders should consider allowing Soldiers to attend courts-martial as spectators.

Additionally, publishing the results of such cases can help dispel any notion that the command does not appropriately address allegations of sexual assault.

Cases such as these also should serve to encourage the reporting of sexual assault by victims in the Fort Jackson community.

Source: Fort Jackson Office of the Staff Judge Advocate



Photo by JENNIFER STRIDE

Nearing the end

Construction workers use heavy machinery to lay asphalt on Jackson Boulevard, at the intersection with Strom Thurmond Boulevard. The paving is scheduled to be completed soon but has been hampered by wet weather. Drivers should remain cautious when driving through the intersection.



Military Family Appreciation Month NOVEMBER SPECIALS

- » **Century Lanes:** One Free Game of Bowling, not including shoes, for each member of the Family any time lanes are available. (Not valid Family Day, Graduation Day or at Ivy Lanes).
- » **Family (or Friends!) Bowling Special at Century Lanes:** Lane rental for 2 hours, balls, shoes, pizzas and sodas for 4 for \$35. Available Friday, Nov 27 (Lane rental must begin before 7 p.m.)
- » **Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf:** Free round of golf at Palmetto Greens for each member of the Family on Saturdays and Sundays.
- » **Weston Lake:** Free daily canoe or kayak rental.
- » **Marion Street Station:** Free bike rentals all month.
- » **Retail Zone:** 25% off all purchases at the Retail Zone. (Excludes close-out and sales.)
- » **Officers' Club:** Kids Eat Free all month with purchase of adult meal.
- » **Frame Shop:** 25% off framing for Family portraits.
- » **Fitness:** Participate in any fitness class for FREE!
- » **Special Golf Rates for Families:** Saturdays and Sundays after 2 p.m. Families can golf at a discount. Families get unlimited golf and cart 2 p.m. - close. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids for round of golf all month long.

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Thursday, Nov 26 (closed)

Friday, Nov 27 (11 a.m. - 9 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov 28 (12 - 9 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov 29 (1 - 8 p.m.)



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Saturday, Dec 12 (8 - 11 a.m.)

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At Semmes Lake Recreation Area

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Pre-Race Brief: 7:50 a.m.

Race Start: 8 a.m.

To register, please visit

www.fortjacksonmwr.com



The run will start and end at
Semmes Lake Recreation Area
and includes a three mile route.
Families are encouraged to participate
with strollers if their little jinglers are too
small to walk or run.

Reindeer Games

At the Youth Center (9:30 - 11 a.m.)

Join us after the Jingle Bell Fun Run for
breakfast with some special guests from
the north pole and reindeer games and
activities.



For questions, please call 751-4865.

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Sgt. 1st Class David Lea and Sgt. Daniel McElroy, Reserve drill sergeant candidates, watch as the drill team from Lugoff-Elgin High School goes through its routine during a drill/rifle team competition at Lower Richland High School. Drill sergeant candidates from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy are natural choices for judges, McElroy said, because 'we live it.'

Experts puts JROTC through its paces

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

"Forward, march!"
"Column right, march!"
"Left flank, march!"

These are commands you'd expect to hear at Fort Jackson, as drill sergeants work to transform civilians into Soldiers – but these came from high school students at the Midland Area Drill/Rifle Team League competitions at Lower Richland High School.

Junior ROTC cadets from nine of 12 area high schools with JROTC programs recently faced judging on exhibition, regulations and color guard performance by drill sergeant candidates from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

The task is one Fort Jackson drill sergeants also perform several times a year at high school competitions.

"Who better to judge this than us?" asked Sgt. Daniel McElroy, a Reservist and drill sergeant candidate from the 95th Training Division. Candidates not only learn how to teach drill and ceremony, they are expected to identify and correct deficiencies.

"We live it" every day, McElroy said.



Sgt. Daniel McElroy, a Reservist with the 95th Training Division and a drill sergeant candidate at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, grades the Lugoff-Elgin High School color guard during a drill/rifle team competition at Lower Richland High School.

Students "look to us as the subject matter experts," he said before grading a color guard from Lugoff-Elgin High School.

"Who is the best to grade? Drill sergeants and candidates."

Among other things, the drill teams received grades on "how they follow commands, how they pronounce commands effectively and how they follow Army regulations," McElroy said.

It can be tough for the JROTC cadets because "the moment they step onto the stage, they are graded and timed," he said as the color guard prepared to begin its routine.

During the routine, McElroy and Sgt. 1st Class David Lea, a Reserve drill sergeant candidate with the 108th Training Command, watched the color guard execute a series of movements, including casing and uncasing of the colors, facing movements and marching in a limited area.

The two drill sergeant candidates watched intently as other drill teams' commands wafted through the air.

Lea, a native of Tucson, Arizona, said he was in his element, judging the competition.

"I really like it," he said. In his civilian career, "I am a certified schoolteacher," so he knows how to help the cadets.

Without the drill sergeant candidates, the event couldn't take place.

"They bring a lot of experience (to the competition)," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Vaulx, JROTC instructor at Lower Richland High School.

"Their years of experience and professionalism give the kids a sight of what the active Army is.

"They are good role models."



"I BECAME A SOLDIER..."

Post commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier has an affection for talking to new Soldiers and hearing their stories. He says it reminds him that everyone on Fort Jackson is charged with building the best Soldiers in the world.

3RD BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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SPC. KERECIA DUDLEY, 31

"(I want to become a helicopter repairman because) it is fascinating. I love everything about aircraft. I also want to know everything about avionics – how it is built from the ground up.

"(I joined the Army because) I wanted to do something more than I was doing – something that meant more than my old job (in sales). I really wanted to do something that meant something.

"My parents actually love (that I joined). They are very proud."

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. KATHIE OUELLETTE, 21

"I joined the Army because I was going nowhere. I was stuck in a rut, and it was my dream. It was always a passion of mine. I saw the perfect opportunity in January and jumped on it.

"The Army has opened doors for me and is a great opportunity for me. I would absolutely recommend the Army.

"Victory Forge was definitely a challenge – sitting out in the rain and the march back. But getting over it and being here on Hilton Field (is) an awesome feeling now that we are graduating."

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SPC. LAURENCINE NUWONYAE, 33

"Now that I have my masters (degree), I want to pursue the school for a Ph.D. so I can work. Right now, I do something that I like. So I joined the Army to do what I like and to challenge myself.

"I am from Bruxelles, France.

"I already have two relatives in the Army. One of them pushed me really hard to join the Army.

"I really liked what we do.

"Some of (the Soldiers) are really passionate at what they do.

"I want to get my Ph.D. in medicine and human resources."

3RD BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

DELTA COMPANY



PVT. SHERYAH MALLET, 19

"I joined the military for many reasons. One of them was for school; the other was I always wanted to be a Soldier because I like the pride and how I carry myself.

"My favorite part was, actually, my battle buddies. They always kept me going, even when I felt like I was going to give up.

"It wasn't easy, and I enjoyed some of it.

"My Family, (at) first they were on edge about (my enlisting), but now they are all very supportive and proud of me."

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SPC. RITESH SHARMA, 32

"I was a civilian pilot before, but now I want to be a warrant officer. I used to fly business jets and carry passengers.

"I always wanted to be a part of the best team in the world.

"It has been a wonderful learning experience. When I look back, I have learned a lot in this time. It's nine weeks, but it felt like nine months – we learned so much.

"(My parents) are proud of me. The United States Army is the strongest team in the world, and I am on it."

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SPC. DEV RAJ SHAH, 27

"(I joined the Army because) I always wanted to be a part of the United States.

"I really liked throwing hand grenades, learning the battle drills, and digging foxholes was good.

"My family is proud of me. Our country (Nepal) is famous for their Gurkha Army. So I want to be a part of that tradition."

Thanksgiving comes early for C.C. Pinckney students



Students at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School ate an early Thanksgiving lunch with their parents Nov. 18.

Three permanent staff and several volunteers worked with Reginald Clement, the food/nutrition program manager for the Department of Defense Education Activity, to prepare more than 100 pounds of turkey; pots of green beans and sweet potatoes; and rolls to feed 325 people.

Capt. Chiquitia Pearson ate lunch with her son Jacob, a second-grader.

"I love it, the turkey – and plus, my mommy," Jacob said.

Brenda Montoya and 11-month-old Brandon stayed for two lunches – the first with third-grader Nathaniel and the other with fourth-grader Brianna.

Col. Morris Goins, chief of staff for commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier, came – invited but unannounced – mugged with the children and ate.

Deputy commander Col. Mark Shade also ate with his children.



Photos by JENNIFER STRIDE

Above, Col. Morris Goins, Fort Jackson chief of staff, waves at 11-month-old Brandon Montoya as he waits in line for his Thanksgiving lunch at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School on Nov. 18. At left, Staff Sgt. Jonah Hudson tries to steal green beans from daughter Shiloh, 7. Right, Daniela Horta, a 7-year-old second-grader, balances her Thanksgiving meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD-CARE CREDIT

Because of disruptions caused by last month's flooding, garrison commander Col. James Ellerson has directed that each patron of Child, Youth and School Service receive two days of prorated credit against unpaid November or December child-care charges. For more information, contact CYSS coordinator Rose Edmond at 751-1672.

FLU SHOTS AT MACH

Moncrief Army Community Hospital will offer flu shots 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, as well as 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays on the 10th floor of the hospital.

MACH SICK CALL

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital sick call – in the Urgent Care Clinic/Integrated Medical Health Home waiting room – is for only permanent-party members on active duty whose primary-care managers are at the hospital or Moncrief Medical Home. Soldiers in training will be seen at McWethy Troop Medical Clinic. Sick call is for acute care only. Appointments for routine care will not be made during sick call hours. Patients may sign in from 5-7 a.m. Monday through Friday (excluding training/federal holidays), or call in for appointment at 751-4464. The sick call appointment line will not schedule appointments after 7 a.m. Prospective patients must be signed in or call before 7 a.m. to schedule a same day-appointment. For other appointments, call 751-CARE (2273) between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Military ID cardholders who wish to become dental assistants as part of a partnership between the American Red Cross and Fort Jackson's Dental Activity must apply by Wednesday. The dental assistant program will begin Jan. 25, offering 80 hours of classroom instruction. Students then will undertake 600 hours of chairside assistance. Anyone wishing to take part

must have earned a high school diploma or equivalent, have current immunizations, be a dependent of a Service member or retired Service member, and be a U.S. citizen. Applications are available at Fort Jackson DENTAC or the Red Cross, Building 4512. For more information, call the Red Cross at 751-4329 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays or email wilfredo.solis@red-cross.org.

DES OFFICE CLOSURE

The Directorate of Emergency Services Police Administrative Office will close Thursday and Friday.

PERSONAL VEHICLE SAFETY

Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians should be aware that some of their personal vehicles are subject to manufacturers' safety recalls. Vehicle owners may see whether their vehicles are subject to recall by visiting vinrl.safercar.gov/vin/. Service members also may contact their servicing Vehicle Processing Center to determine whether their vehicles will be accepted for shipment or storage when the Soldiers transfer or are deployed. If he wishes his vehicle to be stored, an owner must provide documented proof from a certified mechanic/dealership authorized by the manufacturer to perform recall-notice repairs or a printout from the SAF-ERCAR website showing his vehicle has no unresolved recalls.

FOR FAMILIES

■ On Fridays in November, Families – or a group of four friends – may enjoy a night of bowling during the Family (or Friends!) Bowling Special at Century Lanes. Cost is \$35 for lane rental for two hours, balls, shoes, pizzas and sodas. Offer available 7-9 p.m.

■ The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta is offering discounted admission for Military Families on Mondays through December. The friends and Families of current and former military, and veterans are eligible for a 30 percent discount, while the member of the military gets in free. Those

wishing to take advantage of the discount must present their military IDs at the aquarium ticket counter. Online tickets are not available. For more information, visit GeorgiaAquarium.org.

■ On-post mothers are invited to "No Excuses, Mom" weekly exercise sessions. Those living in the Balfour Beatty communities meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 520 Brown Ave. Residents of other communities meet at the SKIES building at 6100 Chesnut Road. Participants should provide their own water, towels and mats.

HOUSING NEWS

■ New hours for Balfour Beatty Community Center are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

■ If you will be on leave for an extended period, call the work-order desk at 803-787-6416 to ask housing personnel to check on your house while you are away.

■ Missing out on the latest news? Call or stop by the Balfour Beatty Community Center to update your phone numbers and email addresses in order to receive voice broadcast and email notifications.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop will be closed through Sunday, as well as Dec. 22 through Jan. 4. The shop has begun accepting winter clothing and will accept Christmas items through Dec. 3. Accompany your shopping with karaoke on Wednesdays in December. After the holidays, no consignments will be accepted until Jan. 12. The Thrift Shop is at 4713 Lee Road in the Mini Mall. Call 803-787-2153 for information, or visit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Consignment hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and bookkeeping hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

EXCHANGE NEWS

■ Army & Air Force Exchange Services will open its doors for people to line up at

2 a.m. on Black Friday. The Exchange itself not make sales until 4 a.m. On Saturday, Nov. 28, sales will begin at 8 a.m. Regular hours will resume Nov. 29.

■ AAFES also will offer bountiful savings Thanksgiving Day to Cyber Monday to those who visit www.shopmyexchange.com. Details on Exchange Black Friday weekend sales and specials are available at shopmyexchange.com on the Weekly Ads tab.

■ Until Dec. 24, shoppers who buy an item at the Exchange and then see it advertised for less will receive a gift card loaded with the difference in price. To receive a gift card, shopper must simply provide his original Exchange receipt and a current advertisement from a competitor. The Holiday Extended Price Guarantee includes shopmyexchange.com but not other website prices.

COMMISSARY NEWS

■ The Commissary will hold its first Black Friday Weekend Extravaganza Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

■ Commissary users may help junior Soldiers and Families in need through the Commissary Gift Card program. For information, visit www.commissaries.com/giftcardindex.cfm.

EVENTS OFF POST

OFFICER CANDIDATE REUNION

Alumni are invited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Army Officer Candidate School on April 24-28, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel, 5321 Sidney Simmons Blvd., Columbus, Georgia. The event will include tours, a memorial/monument walk, a Hall of Fame induction ceremony and an award dinner. Cost is \$111 per night. For reservations, call 706-327-6868. Members and those who wish to become members may attend. For further information, call Nancy Ionoff at 813-917-4309 or visit www.ocsalumni.com.

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. PHONE: 751-7488

'The Martian' will begin at the post theater this week.



Tuesday

"The Martian" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Bridge of Spies" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

"The Martian" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Bridge of Spies" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

"Captive" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Goosebumps Movie" (PG), 4 p.m.

Dec. 2

"The Martian" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Bridge of Spies" (PG-13), 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 4

"Goosebumps Movie" (PG), 7 p.m.

Dec. 6

"The Last Witch Hunter" (PG-13), 2 p.m.
"Our Brand Is Crisis" (R), 4 p.m.

Dec. 9

"Goosebumps Movie" (PG), 2 p.m.
"The Martian" (PG-13), 4 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$5.50
Child (6 to 11): \$3

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$7.50
Child (6 to 11): \$5

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
- Movie times and schedule subject to change without notice.

School districts make commitment to military Families

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

Agreeing that “South Carolina is the very best state for the military to call home,” superintendents of the Midlands’ 15 school districts came together Wednesday to proclaim their support for military children.

The 15 signed a resolution calling for their districts to work with a collection of agencies to help military children, and affirms the districts’ commitment to serve military-connected families with “care, compassion and efficiency.”

“When we think about the events of the past week, it makes you think” about the sacrifices of the military, said J.D. Green, superintendent of Fairfield County schools. “We rely on the brave men and women to keep us free, (and) children sacrifice as well.”

Children worry that a parent won’t return from deployment, or move repeatedly as the result of their parents’ repostings.

“We want to reaffirm our support for those young people,” Green said. “And to the military members – you have our absolute commitment to do what we can for the military (community).”

The military leaders of Fort Jackson and S.C. National Guard jointly thanked the superintendents on behalf of the whole Army.

Fort Jackson commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier and state Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston said the proclamation showed support for the complete Army – active duty, Reserves and Guard.

Cloutier said he was happy to see Livingston as his wingman because “we really couldn’t (accomplish the mission) without all three components.”

“I want to personally thank the superintendents on behalf of the Soldiers, Family members ... on Fort Jackson,” he said. “I have personally (experienced the effects on children) during my 28 years in the Army.”

Cloutier has three children – two in college and one in high school.

When parents move, the first thing they think about is, “Where will my kids go to school?” Cloutier said.

Livingston said that although Reserve and Guard troops didn’t “move around so much,” they also didn’t have the same support systems in place, such as Army Community Service.

When Reservists or Guardsmen “deploy, they don’t just leave their Families, but they leave their jobs as well.”

Livingston spoke about the dedication of S.C. Guard troops who helped residents dig out after recent flooding even after losing everything themselves.

Bill Dukes, South Carolina’s civilian



Photo by **ROBERT TIMMONS**

J.R. Green of Fairfield County schools; Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier; Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston; and retired Brig. Gen. Peter Quinn, chief of staff with the 81st Regional Support Command, pose with recently signed resolutions supporting military children.

aide to the secretary of the Army, called the signing a strong indication of support for military families – a way to reaffirm a commitment to “do everything in our power” to help military children.

The superintendents agreed the resolu-

tion was a powerful and proper signal by the educators to military families.

Samantha Ingram, superintendent of the South Carolina/Fort Stewart/Department of Defense Dependent School-Cuba District, also signed the resolution.

A SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

Football fans cheer Soldiers in Training, giant flag at USC-Citadel extravaganza



A color guard from Task Force Marshall marches down the sidelines at the University of South Carolina Gamecocks' Military Appreciation Day celebration Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium.



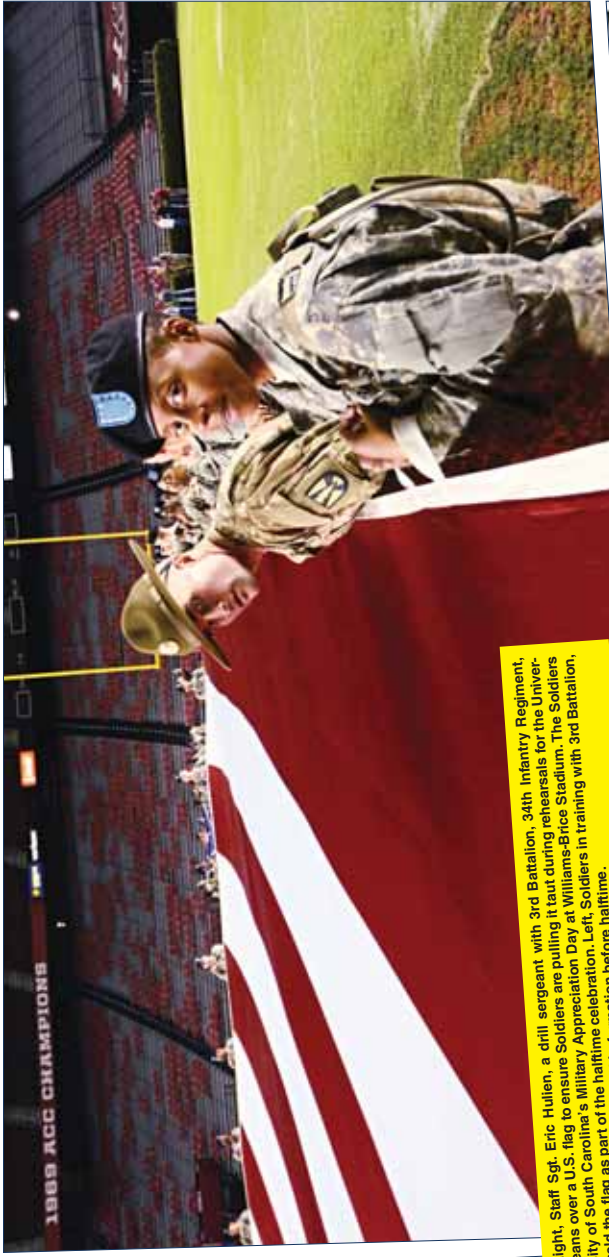
Fort Jackson commander Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier strikes a Heisman Trophy pose, holding a gift football before the opening ceremony of the Military Appreciation Day football game against The Citadel on Saturday. Cloutier performed the coin toss to start the game.



Staff Sgt. Luis Lopez, a drill sergeant with Bravo Company, Task Force Marshall, presents arms during the halftime ceremony at Williams-Brice Stadium.



Soldiers in training with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment march out of the tunnel at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia as they practice for the halftime ceremony at USC's Military Appreciation Day football game.



Right, Staff Sgt. Eric Hulien, a drill sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, leans over a U.S. flag to ensure Soldiers are pulling it taut during rehearsals for the University of South Carolina's Military Appreciation Day at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Soldiers held the flag as part of the halftime celebration. Left, Soldiers in training with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment stand in formation before halftime.

Academy boasts a new approach to training

By MAJ. SATOMI MACK-MARTIN

108th Training Command/Initial Entry Training

“Drill Sergeants are master trainers, master time managers and master personnel managers,” says Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, commandant of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy on Fort Jackson. “They become an asset to every command when they return to their organizations, and that’s a part of the drill sergeant charter.”

Changing the name of the Drill Sergeant School to Drill Sergeant Academy centers on teaching drill sergeant candidates how to think versus what to think, Christian said recently. And all of that happens within the four schools that make up the institution – the Drill Sergeant Academy, Drill Sergeant Recertification Course, Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant Course and the AIT Platoon Sergeant Recertification Course.

“Over the last year, there has been an adaptation of the Army learning model,” Christian said, “and we’ve transitioned from a method of training where we focused on the delivery of information, whether written or orally.

“As we’ve made this paradigm shift, we focus on the performance measure, which has actually made the course harder for the individual because they have to demonstrate their understanding of how to teach the subject.”

For more than 50 years, Christian said, drill sergeant candidates ran through the course as if they were privates going through basic training a second time. The focus was on the candidate’s performing the task.

“Candidates that have gone through some sort of Drill Sergeant Preparation Program have a better chance at succeeding.”

— Sgt. Maj. Edward Roderiques

U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy deputy commandant

Under the new process, the student bears the responsibility and accountability, coordination and execution of the training.

“Within 72 hours, drill sergeant candidates are placed in a controlled environment where they are actually in charge,” Christian said.

“For example, with the Victory Confidence Tower, we instruct them on how to negotiate the tower and obstacles themselves, and at a certain point, we rotate the students to where they assume the safety position with placing the harnesses on and helping their peers negotiate the obstacle.”

Christian said this approach allowed candidates to demonstrate and replicate the duties of a drill sergeant. The point is, he said, “How do you overcome your fear, and how do you help a civilian overcome theirs?”

The academy plans, coordinates and executes training through repetition. After candidates have had the opportunity to observe what “right looks like,” they begin planning, coordinating and executing training themselves.

“Preparation breeds success,” said Sgt. Maj. Edward Roderiques, the academy’s deputy commandant. “Candi-

dates that have gone through some sort of Drill Sergeant Preparation Program have a better chance at succeeding.”

Many drill sergeant Army Reserve units have a DSPP geared toward mentoring and preparing candidates entering the academy – tasks such as memorizing the drill sergeant creed and training modules, and perfecting drill and ceremony procedures.

Roderiques suggests that unit leaders can better prepare their candidates by concentrating on areas that give them the most difficulty. He also suggested encouraging candidates to practice being assistant instructors during physical readiness training.

“Assistant PRT instructors are the ones walking around the formation making on-spot corrections and ensuring that the proper form and technique is being conducted on each exercise,” he said. “They must master all aspects of PRT.”

The Soldier Support Institute and the Drill Sergeant Academy are developing an interactive software program that units and Soldiers can use to prepare for the course, Roderiques said.

“Drill Sergeant duty is a gratifying opportunity for any leader who inspires to stay in the military and excel as a leader,” Christian said. But “once you’re off the trail, you’re still not really off the trail. You take the knowledge, skill and the attributes with you from learning to be a drill sergeant.

“Just Google images of command sergeant majors.

“Count 10 photos.

“With every 10 photos, you are likely to see a former drill sergeant.”

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office.



Sgt.
Lauren Manuel
Delta Company
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Tommy Lee Sanchez

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jerry Perez

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Brandon Guerrero



Staff Sgt.
Daniel Barsi
Echo Company
3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Spc. Jazmin Poythress

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Joshua Inman

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Flor Gutierrez



Sgt. 1st Class
Cory Moore
Delta Company
3rd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

**HONOR GRADUATE
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Jason Kaipat

**STUDENT LEADER
OF THE CYCLE**
Pvt. Terrel M. Mead

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Steven Rodriguez

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Abraham I. Peralta



THANKSGIVING DINNER SCHEDULE

DATE	BRIGADE	UNIT	BUILDING	TIMES
NOV. 25	Soldier Support Institute Drill Sergeant Academy 165th Infantry Brigade	369th Adjutant General Battalion DSA 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment	2302 9572 11500	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. noon to 2 p.m. 5-6:30 p.m.
NOV. 26	171st Infantry Brigade 193rd Infantry Brigade 193rd Infantry Brigade 165th Infantry Brigade 165th Infantry Brigade 193rd Infantry Brigade	120th AG Battalion 3-13th Regiment 3-60th Regiment 2-39th Regiment 3-34th Regiment 2-13th Regiment	1875 Quad 5455 Quad 5455 10401 11900 4270	10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. noon to 3 p.m.

Retirees and guests of ID cardholders not assigned to units may dine:

DATE	UNIT	BUILDING	MILITARY DINING	RETIREES/FAMILY MEMBERS
NOV. 26	3-13th, 3-60th	5455	11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	1:30-4 p.m.

Holiday meal rates are \$9.05 standard and \$6.80 discount. Discount rates are for spouses and dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. All others will pay the standard rate. For information, call 751-7371/5556.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL
Sunday
8:30 a.m., worship, Bayonet Chapel
(Communion observed every Sunday.)

CATHOLIC
Sunday
■ 7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, Solomon Center
■ 8 a.m., Mass, Solomon Center
■ 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first Friday
11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday
7 p.m., recitation of the Rosary, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday
11:30 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC
Sunday
8-10 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday
12:45-1:30 p.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH
Sunday
■ 9:30-10:30 a.m., worship, Memorial

Chapel
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m., book study, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sunday
9:30-11 a.m., worship, Anderson Street Chapel

Wednesday
■ 3-5 p.m., LDS family social, Anderson Street Chapel
■ 7-8 p.m., LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel

PROTESTANT
Sunday
■ 9 a.m., service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
■ 9:30 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., service, Main Post Chapel
■ 9:30 a.m., Chapel Next Bible study, Bayonet Chapel
■ 10 a.m., gospel worship service, Daniel Circle Chapel
■ 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel
■ 11 a.m., service, Memorial Chapel
■ 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ 5-6:30 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Monday
7 p.m., men's Bible study (PMOC), Chaplain Family Life Center

Tuesday
9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Main Post Chapel

Wednesday
7 p.m., gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle Chapel

Thursday
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS
Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032
Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-6322/4542
Chaplain Family Life Center, 5460 Marion Ave. (parking lot side), 751-4961
Daniel Circle Chapel, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478
Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave. Gregg St., 751-3121/6318
McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), 3820 McCrady Road (at McCrady Training Center)
Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681
Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, 10100 Lee Road, 751-8887
Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Fort Jackson Gate Operation Hours

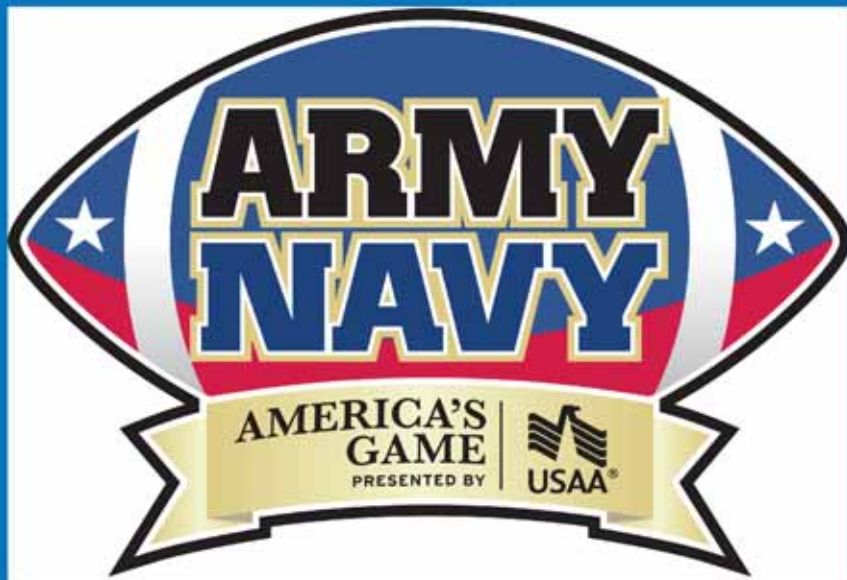
GATE 1
Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 2
Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4
Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 5
Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.
Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



SATURDAY, DEC 12 (12 p.m.)

At Magraders Club & Pub (3305 Daniel Drive • 790-0381)

Come out and enjoy one of the biggest rivalries in college football on one of more than 15 TVs. Featuring giveaways and specials:

- » 8 wings and a 16oz domestic beer for only \$7.50!
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- » Domestic pitchers for only \$5!



FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

DECEMBER CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

During the month of December, register at Century Lanes Bowling Center for a chance to win a **SPECIAL HOLIDAY CAN FULL OF SURPRISES!**



Limit one entry per person, per day throughout the month. Prize drawing to be held Dec 31, during the Century Lanes NO TAP Tournament (starting at 6:30 p.m.)

Must be 18 years of age to enter. Do not have to be present to win.

For more info, visit Century Lanes at 4464 Gregg Street or call 751-6138.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

MERRY FITNESS



Multi-Workout Extravaganza!

Tuesday, Dec 1 (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

At the Solomon Center
in the Special Events Area

FREE EVENT

Featuring Mini massages,
a great workout and more!
For more info, call 751-3700.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS



PRINCESS, SUPERHERO & VILLAIN PARTY

**Brunch at the NCO Club
Sunday, Dec 13 (1 - 3 p.m.)**

(1 - 2 p.m.) Children's Games & Activities,
Face Painting, & Story Time
(1:30 p.m.) The Princess & Villian Parade
along with a special visitor from the North Pole.
(1 - 3 p.m.) Buffet open.
(1:30 - 2 p.m.) Pictures with the Princess and
Villian Court, and our North Pole Special Guest.
Reservations accepted Dec. 1.
Adults:\$10. Children(4-11 years old): \$5
Children (3 and younger): No Charge
For reservations call 782-2218.



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